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THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The question of including the work in the future programme will be considered."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Sir, would the suggestion to construct the bridge be considered at least on the basis of the self-paying toll system, which is being adopted in other parts of Malabar, especially because the various villages will be cut off during the monsoon for want of bridges? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" I think the District Board should make that proposal."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Are the Government aware that there are a number of other rivers on the main road in North Malabar that have no bridges and will the Government consider constructing them? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" It is a general question."

Cultivation of tank-beds by Harijans.

88 Q.—SRI P. VENKATASUBBAYYA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have issued any orders to dispossess the Harijans of the lands that are being cultivated by them near tank-beds; if so, the reasons therefor? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" In September 1950, the Government ordered that cultivation of tank-bed lands might be allowed to continue in cases where cultivation had been carried on for the previous five years, with the permission of the authorities, subject to the condition among others that cases of encroachments on tank-bed lands against the orders of the authorities are to be evicted. The above orders make no distinction between Harijans and members of other communities. No specific orders to dispossess the *Harijans* of the lands that are being cultivated by them near tank-beds have been issued."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBAYYA :—" As the Harijans have brought these lands under cultivation at a huge cost, will the Government pay compensation to them for evicting them from those lands, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I do not understand this question. There are so many lands in this State."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" Sir, the Harijans have been cultivating these lands for a long period of four or five years. Will the Government consider issuing pattas to them? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" This concession was given under the Grow More Food Scheme. The question of issuing a patta will be considered separately."

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Sri M. HANUMANTHA RAO :—" Sir, in view of the fact that many land disputes of this nature are arising, will the Government be prepared to consider the question of setting up popular committees either taluk-war or division-war? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Government are always prepared to consider all cases that are brought to their notice. But on the question of setting up committees, I cannot give an answer now."

Sri R. SIDDANNA GOWD :—" Is it a fact, Sir, that cultivation of these lands has been banned, and, if so, why? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, I read the condition under which lands continue to be cultivated. If the authorities have not objected to the people who have been cultivating those lands for the last 5 years, those people have been allowed to cultivate."

Sri C. V. K. RAO :—" Sir, under what conditions are the Government prepared to grant lands for cultivation to Harijans in connexion with the Grow More Food Campaign? " 10-45 a.m.

Mr. SPEAKER :—" That question has already been answered and the hon. Member is repeating it."

Sri G. SATYANARAYANA :—" హరిజనులు 10, 15 సంవత్సరాల నుంచి సాగుచేస్తూవున్నటువంటి జంజరు భూముల విషయములో చాలా విపరీతమైన పెనాల్టి (penalty) వేస్తున్నారు. ఆ పెనాల్టి రద్దు చేయడానికి ప్రభుత్వం ఏమైనా ఆలోచిస్తున్నదా ? "

Sri T. NAGI REDDI :—" The hon. Member's question is this. The Harijans who have occupied such lands so far are being penalized severely. Will the Government consider the stopping of such penalization? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, each case will be considered on its merits."

Sri V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, as there are a large number of cases of such eviction throughout the State, will Government take steps to see that certain uniform rules are framed in regard to this matter? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I concede that there are a very large number of cases like this, but there are already rules governing such cases."

Sri R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" Arising out of the answer to a supplementary question, may I ask the Hon. Minister whether this sort of privilege and concession that have been given to the Harijans to cultivate the tank-bed lands, are allowed to other landless poor people also? "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" It does not arise out of this question."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" If specific instances where Harijans have been disturbed from the tank-bed lands which they have been

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cultivating are brought to the notice of the Hon. Minister, will he assure this House that the Government will take proper action in the matter? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Not only Harijans but other classes of people also who have similar grievances will be attended to. I may inform the hon. Member that this State does not make a distinction between man and woman, class and class, community and community, and intellectuals and non-intellectuals."

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—" May I know whether Harijans have been evicted from the poramboke lands which have been cultivated by them in Malabar? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may put a separate question."

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN :—" I think it is the declared policy of the Government to give lands to Harijans who are landless agricultural labourers . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Let the hon. Member put it in question form."

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN :—" Is it not a deliberate deviation from the declared policy of the Government to seek to dispossess Harijans of the lands in which they are carrying on cultivation now? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" No, Sir. Government are not trying to be hard on any particular class of people. If the rules are infringed, they take action whether it is a Harijan or a woman or anybody else."

SRI C. PULLA REDDI :—" Is there any proposal on the part of the Government to evict the landless labourers, especially the Harijans, in Ulchala village (Kurnool taluk, Kurnool district) from the tank-bed lands which have been under their occupation for the last twelve years? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" This question is different from the main question. So, let the hon. Member give notice of a separate question."

SRI C. PULLA REDDI :—" I am sorry, Sir, it is not a different question. The main question is about cultivation of tank-bed lands. I am also putting a question about such cultivation."

MR. SPEAKER :—" But the hon. Member's question refers particularly to Kurnool district. If the Hon. Minister is prepared to answer it, I have no objection."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" It refers to a particular place. I cannot answer it, Sir."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" The Hon. Minister has said that if the Collector sees any objection, then the persons will be dispossessed. May I know what are the criteria and grounds on which the Collectors generally object to this."

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I never talked of dispossession. What I said was that the question of allowing people to cultivate tank-bed lands is dealt with by the district authorities on the recommendation of the Public Works Department authorities."

Elections to the Provincial Haj Committee.

* 89 *Q.*—JANAB K. M. SEETHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) which public body in North Malabar was asked by the Government to elect two members from Kottayam and Chirakkal taluks for the Provincial Haj Committee during the past fifteen years;

(*b*) whether the said body was asked to elect two members in 1951 also, by the Sub-Collector of Tellicherry;

(*c*) whether the elections were made and reported;

(*d*) when they were made;

(*e*) whether the Government have approved of the elections; and

(*f*) if the answer is in the negative the reasons for the disapproval?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" (*a*) The Jamaithul Islam, Tellicherry, was authorized to elect the members till 1939, the Muslim League Association, Tellicherry, from 1939 till 1951, and Khadimul Islam Jamayath, Tellicherry, from January 1952.

" (*b*) The Muslim League Association, Tellicherry, was asked as usual in 1951.

" (*c*) Elections were made but no report was sent to Government.

" (*d*) On 24th June 1951.

" (*e*) No.

" (*f*) The question of disapproval does not arise in view of the answer to clause (*c*) above."

JANAB K. M. SEETHI :—" In view of the fact that the two taluks were unrepresented on the Haj Committee for more than one year, may I know whether the Government have inquired into the reasons for the delay in making a report on the election that was held in respect of these two members in 1951? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The Association was asked to elect their representative and they said they could have the election only after the holy month was over. They will soon elect their representative and the Committee will be formed."

JANAB K. M. SEETHI :—" I am sorry that the Hon. Minister has not caught my point. It is with reference to the election already held in 1951 that I am inquiring why the report was not